



AMERICORPS \* HOOPA TRIBAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS

# Hoopa TCCC Newsletter

## FLOOD VICTIMS RECEIVE RELIEF IN THE MID-WEST

Imagine a place where over ten inches of rain fell & millions of dollars lost in only a 24 hour period. Where memories are the only thing people have left to share.

One team from Hoopa TCCC was deployed to Minnesota to assist in disaster recovery efforts that were continuing to address damage caused by summer flooding in southeastern Minnesota.

October 29, 2007, team one lead by Stephan Lee, TCCC Team Leader arrived in Minneapolis, MN ready to work. TCCC team served with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) during their 30-day deployment.

Second year Corps Member Paul Valles from Selma, CA said “This FEMA mission was a very different mission then we are used to.” Aside from the much needed manual labor, TCCC Corps Members learned public service and community relations skills. The Corps Members learned how to organized a resources fair for flood victims, conduct needs assessment, recruit volunteers and ask for donations.



*Pictured above are the AmeriCorps members from Minnesota & the TCCC Men's Team. Left to Right: MN member, Dusty Brown, Julian Lara, Gabriel Godsey, Alwayne Yazzie, Marcus Hendricks, Paul Valles, Russell Gervais, MN member, TCCC Team Leader-Stephan Lee, & another MN Member.*

Dusty Brown, of Peach Springs, AZ, said “We learned first hand on how big disasters are handled. From the time it happens to months or year later.”

During the 30 day stay, Corps Members assisted the communities of Rushford, Winona, Goodview, Stockton, Houston, La Crescent, St. Charles & Minnesota City, all in the state of Minnesota.

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Corps Members who performed great during the month of November 2007

Paul Valles	Alwayne Yazzie
Dusty Brown	Colleen Lamarre
Marcus Hendricks	Leighton Jones
Sandi Wallace	Matthew Boardley
Monique Souza	Gracelyn Chenney
Leora Crawford	Julian Lara
Tammy Wilson	Leonard Childs
Danielson Moody	Gabriel Godsey

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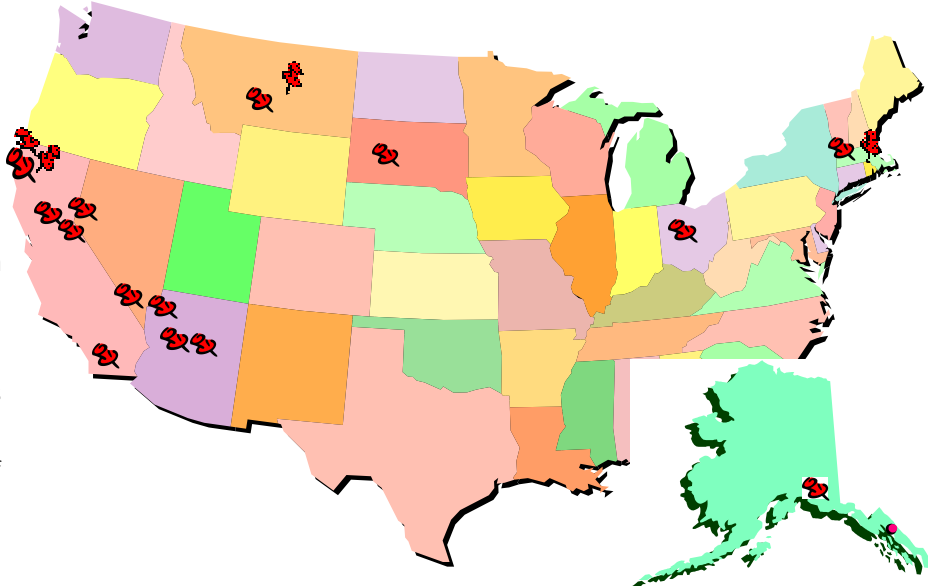
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# Class of 2007-08

Class I & II corps members began their 9-month dedication to the AmeriCorps TCCC program throughout the month of October. Class III & IV began during the month of November.

Arriving from all over the U.S., corps members were welcomed by the staff and Hoopa Honored Elder-William Carpenter and Suzanne Burcell of Humboldt State University.



Team 1: Men's Team

Matthew Boardley	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
*Dusty Brown	Hualapai Tribe
Leonard Childs	Tohono O'odham Tribe
Russell Gervais	Blackfeet Tribe
Gabriel Godsey	Shingle Springs Rancheria
Marcus Hendricks	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
Julian Lara	Desc.of Mescalero Apache Tribe
Danielson Moody	White Mountain Apache
*Paul Valles	Big Sandy Rancheria Tribe
Alwayne Yazzie	Navajo Tribe
Devin Ivins	White Mountain Apache
Joseph Stoltz	Las Vegas, NV

Team 2: Women's Team

*Loni Booth	Washoe Tribe of NV & CA
Gracelyn Chenney	White Mountain Apache
*Leaora Crawford	Washoe Tribe of NV & CA
Colleen Lamarre	Canadian Native
Monique Souza	Descendent of Karuk Tribe
*Sandi Wallace	Hoopa Valley Tribe
*Tammy Wilson	Yurok Tribe
*Rene Zospah	White Mountain Apache
Natani Cromwell	White Mountain Apache
Abbiegail Murphy	Desc. of Eskimo Tribe
Rayannette Four Horns	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

\* Denotes 2nd Year Corps Members

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“Our crew left Minnesota feeling a great sense of accomplishment and pride that we helped bring back hope and sanity to a small part of the flood victims.” said Marcus Hendricks, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

TCCC Corps Members were



Pictured on the left: Corps members Dusty Brown, Paul Valles, and Gabriel Godsey conduct intake during the Resource Fair for disaster victims.

Pictured on the Right: TCCC Corps Member Alwayne Yazzie and an AmeriCorps MN member remove debris from a flood victims basement.



able to collaborate with two other AmeriCorps programs, this includes the AmeriCorps St. Louis, MN & the AmeriCorps ERT of Maine.

“The experience in Minnesota helped me improve my people skills, communication skills and helped me improve myself,” Alwayne Yazzie of the Blackfeet Tribe.

## Trainings Received from Various Organizations

During the 1st month, corps members have been involved in an intensive curriculum of training. This training is called CTI or Corps Training Institute. These trainings teach individual member everything they need to know to be successful during their 9-month stay. So far, they have received training in areas such as:

- TCCC Policy & Procedures
- Residency Rules & Policies
- Corps Member Handbook
- Corps Member Contract
- Individual Learning Plan
- Education Award Entitlements
- HVT Fit for Duty Training
- Tool Safety & Identification



*Pictured Above: Alwayne Yazzie, Russell Gervais & Paul Valles watch as Gabriel Godsey applies his training in chainsaw maintenance.*

- Small Engine Maintenance & Operation
- Diversity Training
- Talking Circle Facilitator Training

Throughout their nine months they will also be trained in a variety of trainings such as:

- Community Emergency Response Team
- First Responders
- CPR/First Aid
- Over the Bank Rope Rescue
- Swift Water Rescue
- Wilderness Survival
- Wildland Fire Fighting
- Carpentry Pre-Apprentice

All trainings are two-fold. It gives corps members the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities needed to fulfill them personally and professionally. Here at Hoopa TCCC and for their Life After AmeriCorps. "Skills that last a lifetime."



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



*Pictured Above: Volunteers including TCCC Staff & members during International Clean-up Weekend.*

*Pictures on Right: Volunteers including TCCC members prepare to clean the beach in Manila, CA*



Every corps member is required to complete at least 1,700 hours of community service to communities throughout the United States.

Already, the new corps members have completed several projects including:

- Participating in the Karuk Youth Leadership Conference
- Restoration of a traditional village at Patrick's Point State Park
- Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up
- Conducting the Campbell Field Road Clean-up during International Cleanup Weekend
- Participating in "Make a Difference Day" with Straight Up AmeriCorps & Youth Serve
- Volunteering with NCIDC during the 25th Annual Northwest Intertribal Gathering & Elders Dinner



## TCCC Continues Restoration in New Orleans, Louisiana

The New Orleans natural wildland habitat received a hand from the TCCC Women's team during the month of November.

Accompanied by Viola Long, Project Manager, Team 2 began their 4-day travel to Louisiana on October 28, 2007.

Upon arrival, corps members were greeted by their project sponsor and participated in orientation.

The overall project outlined the great need for removal of non-native plants in order to restore the savannah's of New Orleans

and surrounding communities.

One of the first projects were to collect seeds from the grass. These seeds will be dried and re-planted in other areas after winter season.

The second project, Corps Members undertook was removing non-native trees called Chinese Tallow from the Fontaineau State Park. The Chinese Tallow is considered an invasive species and removal is needed in order to give native species a chance to grow. Corps members used machetes and chainsaws to

remove a majority of the tree. Once the tallow was removed they then proceeded to paint the tree stumps with herbicide to prevent re-growth.

Corps Members also removed the tallow trees at the Bayou Segnette State Park, Lake Charles and other surrounding communities near New Orleans.

"I enjoyed my time in Louisiana. Working with the chainsaw made time fly ...the people were nice. I'm glad to be a part of such a good team and program." said Rene Zospah, Carrizo, AZ.



Pictured above is a sign greeting the Corps Members as they arrived in New Orleans.



Picture to the Left:

- (1) Corps Member—Loni Booth picks & bags seeds with the National Wildlife Federation volunteers.
- (2) Corps Member Leaora Crawford cuts down the tallow trees as
- (3) Corps Member—Rene Zospah removes the downed trees.

## Seasons Greetings



To all of you...  
From all of us at the  
Hoopa Tribal Civilian Community Corps & AmeriCorps on Native Lands

# Upcoming TCCC Project Calendar—December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 TM 1 & 2: FIRST RESPONDERS & COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING	4	5	6	7	8 TCCC / ANL CHRISTMAS DINNER—630 PM WILLOW CREEK, CA
9	10 TM 1 & 2: FIRST RESPONDERS & COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 TM 1 & 2: CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING TRAINING	18	19 CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING / SANTA VISIT @ HOOPA HEADSTART	20	21 CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
CORPS MEMBERS CHRISTMAS BREAK						
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## Corps Member of the Month

October 2007



Sandi Wallace

Corps Member of the Month are recognized for their hard work and dedication to the TCCC Program. Here are the shining stars so far.

TCCC honored , Sandi Wallace, a Hoopa Valley Tribal member, for the month of October 2007

&

Dusty Brown was honored for the month of November 2007. Dusty is a member of the Haulapai Tribe of Arizona.

November 2007



Dusty Brown

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 24 HOURS



# Draw from your past to preserve our future

# **VOLUNTEER**

With the AmeriCorps\*Hoopa Tribal Civilian Community Corps

Someday you will ask yourself,  
"What should I do with my life?"

... What are you going to do? ...

## Why not join AmeriCorps?

All across the country, AmeriCorps members are tackling tough problems such as the projects mentioned in this newsletter. These men and women, age 18-26, dedicate 9-months of their lives to serving their communities and country—tutoring children, building homes, responding to disasters, restoring national parks and much more.

## In return they receive many benefits:

- A \$4,725 Education Award for college, graduate school or vocational school or to pay off student loans.
- A modest living allowance and free room & board
- Valuable skills for the future, including leadership, teamwork, a variety of trainings, work experience & much more ...

*Only 1 More Chance to  
Join Hoopa TCCC...*

We are accepting applications, throughout the month of January 2008, for Corps Members to begin their 9-months of service on:

March 3, 2008

**APPLY TODAY!**



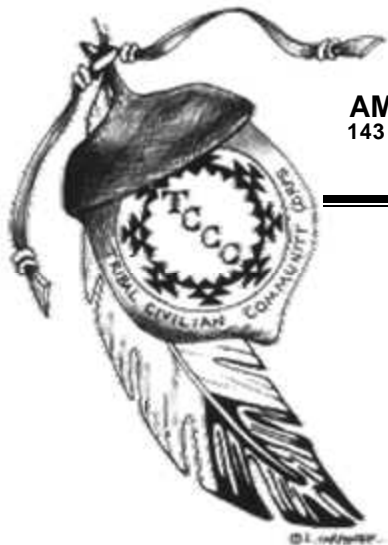
One phone call can open you up to a world of opportunities for individuals a way to contribute to communities across the country.

*In his State of the Union address, President George W. Bush challenged all Americans to serve their communities and their nation through programs like AmeriCorps.*

*Will you please join us in helping Americans answer the call to Service?*

For more information about the AmeriCorps\*Hoopa TCCC program, please call us toll free at:

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